



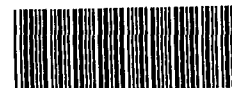
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Dear Mr. MacKenzie:

This letter is to reassure you of Guam EPA's belief that the Government of Guam landfill at Ordot is Guam's foremost hazardous waste pollution threat. The Ordot landfill is this Agency's top priority with respect to Superfund consideration.

As stated earlier in my letter which accompanied the completed MITRE model, Surface Water is the route of major concern. Guam EPA has initiated a more comprehensive monitoring of the surface waters bordering the landfill than we had done previously. This monitoring includes monthly analysis for metals and pesticides as well as the routine water quality criteria.

During the next eight weeks we are collecting one sample per week at three separate stations from the neighboring surface waters. These samples will be analyzed for metals and certain pesticides to determine if we should suspect that toxic leachates from the landfill are contaminating the surface waters.

Unfortunately, we don't know what to expect from our comprehensive analyses. Ordot has been utilized as an Open Dump since the close of World War II, first by the U.S. Navy and then by the civilian community. No records have been kept on incoming waste materials, hence, we are unsure as to what toxic leachates to expect. Without monitoring wells within the landfill itself it may be impossible to validate whatever data our analyses produces.

This Agency hopes to see the development of a much needed leachate monitoring and control system at the landfill in the near future. But due to budgetary constraints the Government of Guam will be unable to address the problem in the next few fiscal years. Therefore, we are soliciting your aid in opening avenues to other sources of funding such as Superfund.

Thank you for your cooperation and vital assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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Administrator

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